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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

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Application No.: 10/696,663

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For: CONTROL APPARATUS OF
STORAGE UNIT, AND
METHOD OF CONTROLLING
THE CONTROL APPARATUS
OF STORAGE UNIT

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No.: 6841

Examiner: Unassigned

Technology Center/Art Unit: 2186

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.